MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Is the honourable member aware that so many patients are accommodated in the veranda because of want of beds?

DR. S. JOHN: Arrangements are being made. For example, a new out-patient block has been constructed. The dispensary existing there has been converted into pay wards. There is no space available to put up buildings on this or the other side of the road. In that small compound we cannot put up a number of sheds.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government consider the question of acquiring some site to put up new buildings?

DR. S. JOHN: If places are available nearby, Government will consider the question.

Kanjirapally District Hospital.

253. ✱ **MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR** (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased so state:

(*a*) whether they have received an offer for the construction of a new ward attached to the Kanjirapally District Hospital;

(*b*) whether they have accepted the offer; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes. There was an offer from Mr. V. M. Syed Mohamed Rowther for the construction of a maternity ward in the premises of the Government Hospital, Kanjirapally.

(*b*) and (*c*) The offer was accepted on condition that Mr. Rowther remits a sum of S. Rs. 10,000 in a Government Treasury. Mr. Rowther expressed his unwillingness to remit the full amount, but promised to remit the amount in four instalments which the Government were not prepared to accept.

Kottayam District Hospital.

254. ✱ **MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the daily average number of in-patients in the Kottayam District Hospital in 1121 till the 15th Mithunam;

(*b*) the number of out-patients;

(*c*) the number of major operations conducted there this year;

(*d*) the number of minor operations conducted there this year;

(*e*) how many patients have used the Ambulance van of the hospital;

(*f*) whether any applications for the Ambulance Van have been rejected; and

(*g*) if so, the number of applications so rejected?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Daily average in-patients 219.

(*b*) Daily average out-patients 310.

(*c*) 711.

(*d*) 860.

(*e*) 222.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) 5 or 6 applications, when the car was out of order.

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MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : സർ, കോട്ടയം ആശുപത്രിയിൽ സാധാരണ ഫ്രീ ഇൻപേഷ്യൻറ്സ് ദിവസേന ഉണ്ടെന്ന് മറുപടിയിലുണ്ട്. അതനുസരിച്ചുള്ള ബെഡ്ഡ് ഉണ്ടോ?

DR S. JOHN : ഇല്ല.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : അതിനു നിവൃത്തിയുണ്ടാക്കാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

DR . S. JOHN : അതിനായിട്ട് കൂടുതൽ കെട്ടിടം കെട്ടിവരുന്നു.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: സർ; ഇൻപേഷ്യൻറ്സ് കൂടുതലുള്ള സ്ഥിതിക്ക് ബെഡ്ഡ് കൂടുതലുണ്ടാക്കാൻ തയ്യാറാണോ എന്നു ചോദിച്ചതിന് കെട്ടിടം കെട്ടാൻ പോകുന്നു എന്ന മറുപടി.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the beds will be in the building.

DR. S. JOHN : കെട്ടിടം കെട്ടിയാലല്ലേ ബെഡ്ഡ് ഇടാൻ കഴിയുള്ളൂ.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN *(Nominated)* : കോട്ടയം ആശുപത്രിയിൽ ജലത്തിനു വലിയ വിഷമമുള്ള വിവരം വല്ല റെപ്രസെൻറേഷൻവഴിക്കും ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

DR. S JOHN : ഉണ്ട്.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : അതിന്മേൽ ആക്ഷൻ വല്ലതും എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

DR. S. JOHN : ആക്ഷൻ എടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

Hospitals and Dispensaries.

255. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major hospitals, minor hospitals and dispensaries opened in the State at Government expense during 1119, 1120 and 1121 respectively;

(b) whether they have any scheme for extending medical aid to rural population; and

(c) if so, what it is?

DR. S. JOHN: *(a)* Major Hospitals.

	1119.	*1120.*	*1121.*
	Nil.	Nil.	Government Hospital, Alwaye raised to a Major Hospital.
Minor Hospitals	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Dispensaries	4	4	5

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